

CLINTON COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD

August 15, 2011

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

An opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Board Chairman Kloeckner called for a moment of silence for retired County Clerk, Dave Lampe, whom had recently passed.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Ray Kloeckner called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2011.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Adams, Albers, Fix, Heiligenstein, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Michael, Pingsterhaus, Rakers, Raymond, Richter, Simpson, Sullivan, Taylor, and Wessel.

4. MOTION – Approval of Minutes

Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

County Clerk, Mary Rakers, read a letter to the Chairman and County Board from Judge Middendorf commending the efforts of two courthouse employees, Terry Mensing and Vicky Bolen. Ms. Mensing and Ms. Bolen initiated recovering more than \$50,000 more in child support administrative fees than any entire year previously.

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

No Report.

7. REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIAL S.

No Report.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM COMMITTEE

No Report.

b. UNINCORPORATED/ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS/SOLID WASTE

No Report.

c. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Committee is looking into upgrading the computer in the board room. The computer is not working properly and needs to be replaced. Jay Donnelly is looking into the upgrade as well as a laptop and powerpoint so the County has the ability for presentations and webinars.

d. FINANCE/HEALTH/REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE

Clinton County Treasurer, Denise Trame, reported the first installment of taxes was deposited on August 10, 2011. The deposit made was \$22,595,728.35, of which \$2,749,125.64 is the Counties.

1) MOTION – To Approve Treasurer’s Monthly Report

Pingsterhaus made a motion to approve the monthly Treasurer’s report.
Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2) MOTION – To Approve Health Department’s Monthly Report

Pingsterhaus made a motion to approve the monthly Health Department’s report.
Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

e. GENERAL SERVICES/JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

No Report.

f. LAW ENFORCEMENT/ESDA/WELFARE/SAFETY/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

No Report.

g. ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE

County Engineer, Dan Behrens, reported that there was an accident on St. Rose Road on June 8, 2011 which caused damaged to the road and culvert. The road will cost approximately \$29,000 to fix. The culvert is burned and will need to be fixed as well. The Jamestown Road resurfacing project is completed. The Keyesport Road bridge project should begin after Labor Day. The Hahn bridge replacemenet should begin in late October.

h. ZONING COMMITTEE

No Report.

9. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. INSURANCE COMMITTEE

A Wellness Committee Kickoff Meeting was held on July 26, 2011. Bill Schmalz from Einstein Consulting and Dr. Gaston associated with UMED gave an information meeting for the employees. It is now up to the employees to get the program to work. Several years ago the insurance committee put aside some money in the line item to institute a wellness program. The Insurance Committee met on August 8, 2011. The medical claims of the last five years history have been averaging about \$100,000 from May through June. However, prescription costs are up approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 more comparing to the last five years. In the reimbursement line item without reimbursements, it was \$75,000, or 7.13% under budget. With reimburstments, the line item is \$203,000 under budget, or 19.36 %. The Wellness Program will take some of this money to get started. There are also monthly premiums for life, dental and vision that will also come out.

b. AREA AGENCY ON AGING/708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

No Report.

c. ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Linda Mensing, has been working on the 2004 coal deeds which she has had recorded. There were 68 property transfers in the month of July. The assessors work for Wheatfield and St. Rose is done. Some farm building are also done, however most will be reassessed in 2012. There is new legislation that will help with the cost of publication for the Assessor's office.

d. COUNTY FARM COMMITTEE

Don has answered all the Humane Society's questions. The questions will be delivered to Josh Winkeler. Animal Control is now on the state comptroller's web site called "Comptroller's Critters." The County yard sale will be held September 16th and 17th. Don had a total of seven bite cases for the month and eight dogs left for adoption.

e. COUNTY HEALTH

No Report.

f. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1) MOTION – Regional Superintendent of Schools Office Report

Pingsterhaus made a motion to approve the annual report. Albers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

g. GIS COMMITTEE

No Report.

h. INSURANCE TRUST (ICIT)

The ICIT 2001, which consists of nine counties, has an estimated shortfall of the trust of \$1,034,808.81. Clinton County's share is \$73,471.43 or 7.1% . There are three counties Williamson, Cumberland, and Monroe that total \$559,831.56, or 55%. 37 claims are still open with five or six close to being closed for all nine counties. Clinton County has 4 claims currently outstanding, 3 of which are work comp claims. ICIT 2009, consists of six counties. Outstanding claims reserved for pending claims for all six counties is \$363,927.67. Total paid out to date on all closed claims for all six counties is \$329,466.91. There are a total of 112 claims for all counties. Clinton County has nine of those claims, eight are workman's compensation claims. Out of six counties, only five have outstanding claims. Clinton County is the second in highest claims.

i. 911 COMMITTEE

The Committee met on August 10, 2011. The paging system is still having some issues. John Skain met with a support engineer from DX, who we purchased the equipment from. They are estimating an approximate cost of \$66,000 to upgrade the

existing tower in Trenton. Property in Albers is also being looked in to as a possibility. Mayor Jan Fauke of Carlyle and Duane Nordike agreed to go with Rose Drive instead of Rose Lane Drive in the subdivision Old State Commons due to the 911 county ordinance adopted.

j. PERSONNEL/LABOR COMMITTEE

1) MOTION- Request for Labor Negotiation Attorney Approval

Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the request to hire a labor negotiation attorney for the upcoming employee union contracts.

Pingsterhaus seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote:

Adams (Yes); Albers (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Kloeckner (Abstain); Michaels (Yes); Pingsterhaus(Absent); Rakers (Yes); Raymond(Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

k. RC&D COUNCIL

No Report.

l. UCCI

Holtgrave gave a report on the conference he attended with Rakers.

m. VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Committee decided on the county's veteran memorial out front of the courthouse. The final plan involves replacing the current benches with two new benches with granite planters on each side of the bench. The memorial will be updated to include names of any soldiers who lost their life serving in Operation Enduring Freedom Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan.

10. MOTION – Approval of Accounts Payable

Holtgrave made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims. Rakers seconded the motion.

11. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

No Report.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Report.

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Heiligenstein thanked Mitch McClaren from the probation department for getting a public service crew together and getting the trash cleaned up from the summer activity and fishing from the dam to the suspension bridge.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Kloeckner mentioned a letter he received from the Mayor of Salem in reference to a meeting being held on the Route 50 Coalition. Kloeckner invited everyone to attend the meeting that are interested in the bypass at Lebanon and the overpass at

Aviston. Kloeckner also mentioned an IDOT open house public outreach meeting in the board room on August 25, 2011 to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the current multi-year plan. Kloeckner encouraged everyone to attend the meeting that could to bring up input on the bypass at Lebanon and the overpass at Aviston. Adams mentioned the possibility of the Route 51 alignment that IDOT is talking about.

15. MOTION – Adjournment

Holtgrave made a motion to adjourn until the next meeting on September 19, 2011. Fix seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers
County Clerk